

Calculation of the stress-strain state of soil massifs with karst-suffusion cavities

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Abstract

© Published under licence by IOP Publishing Ltd. For the North-Eastern part of the Kazan the problem of karst-suffusion danger is rather actual that is associated with the presence and occurrence close to the surface of carbonate eluvium. Currently in this area of the city is an active construction of various facilities. This article is presented the results of calculation the parameters of the cavities and their spatial location on condition of that collapse of the soil massif is possible. The calculation model included the geometrical model of the engineering-geological section, supplemented by physical and mechanical properties as well as a cavity of cylindrical shape of different geometry. Earlier, the authors have completed and published studies to determine the critical diameter and critical depth of a cavity having the form of a simple cylinder. In reality the cavities have a more complex geometry so in this work the modelling was aimed at finding the critical parameters for different types of karst-suffusion cavities discovered in the study area. The simulation results have allowed establishing that the danger of collapse of the soil above the cavity largely depends on its diameter and position in space. Several typical calculation cases were identified. For each case was the effect of the cavity on the redistribution of stresses in the soil massifs. It is possible to develop recommendations for the design of buildings and structures in the study area. The research results showed good agreement with the results of field studies.

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